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Please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 43, lines 10-13 with the following:

Each of Figs. 10 (a) - 10 (d) is an illustration showing a form of a filter for obtaining a signal variance $\frac{1}{2}$ between neighboring pixels in an example of an embodiment of the invention.

The above amendment is to correct an obvious typographical error.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed.

Respectfully submitted,

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